

Hoffa Demands Probe Of 'Pressure Tactics' That Halt Union Bonding

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Teamsters President James R. Hoffa asked Congress today to investigate his charge that the Justice Department used pressure tactics to discourage insurance companies from bonding teamster officials.

In a letter to the House and Senate Labor committees, Hoffa said the move was designed to force teamster officials out of office. Under the Landrum-Griffin Labor Act, union officials must be bonded to protect the rank and file from misappropriation of funds.

Hoffa said the Teamsters Union has been turned down by 250 bonding companies because of what he termed pressure brought by both the Justice Department and the Labor Department.

Hoffa said the license of one bonding company to do business in the District of Columbia was revoked after it agreed to insure the teamsters. In another instance, he said, representatives of the Justice and Labor departments called on a bonding company negotiating with the teamsters in an effort to get them to drop the business.

Hoffa urged that Congress amend the Landrum-Griffin Law to require insurance companies to bond all officials eligible to hold office as long as the union can provide adequate collateral. He said the bond now covering union officials expires Feb. 8.

In urging the investigation, Hoffa said it would give Congress a chance to look into "what appears to be improper interference exerted by the attorney general and the Labor Department."

Hoffa said the pressure against the bonding companies is a "serious abuse of congressional intent" in the Landrum-Griffin Law.

In his list of alleged pressure tactics, Hoffa said the union was bonded by United Benefit of Omaha, Neb., but the bond was suddenly canceled in 1961.

"This company's license was revoked" in the District of Columbia, he said. After the company dropped the Teamsters Union, Hoffa said, the license was reinstated.

The teamsters then took their business to the Resolute Insurance Company of Providence, R.I. The firm carried the bond for a year and a half, then dropped the agreement without explanation, Hoffa said. This was the firm, Hoffa said, that received a visit from representatives of the Labor and Justice departments.

Dog Club Scholarship Aids Deserving Youth

John A. Schmitz, Mount Angel, Ore., is one lad who received a scholarship at a time when he needed it most.

Schmitz, the recipient of a \$300 scholarship established by the Klamath Dog Fancier's Club, related his experience in a letter to the club.



JOHN A. SCHMITZ

Schmitz is a member of the Phi Zeta Veterinarian Scholastic Honor Society and was elected athletic chairman of the veterinary school.

"With luck, a lot of work and a few prayers," Schmitz said he will graduate in the spring of next year. Then he intends to fulfill his military obligation, after which he will return to Oregon and establish a veterinary practice.

Passenger Lands Plane Safely When Pilot Dies

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (UPI) — Three men, all employees of the American Bridge Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., met Monday at Cheyenne Municipal Airport.

They were assigned to fly to a Minuteman missile site 20 miles northeast of Cheyenne, one of 200 under construction in the area for which American Bridge is providing steel.

The three steel executives were Lester Peterson, 38, a former Marine, John Pawlack, 32, and Lester Laum, 34, all of Cheyenne. The pilot of the small Cessna 180 was Edgar Van Keuren, 54, Rapid City, S.D.

The plane took off at 1:45 p.m. Thirty minutes later it was plummeting toward earth with a dead pilot at the controls.

"I was sitting directly behind the pilot," Laum said Monday night. "Peterson was in front next to the pilot. Pawlack was sitting next to me."

"Suddenly the pilot slumped over and we were headed toward the ground at a steep angle with our air speed increasing."

"Pull up! Pull up!" I hollered. "Let's instinctively took over the controls. He grabbed the wheel and pulled it straight back. We had enough air speed so that we went right back up."

"We later estimated we missed the ground by about two feet. It was very, very close."

Peterson, an assistant project manager for American Bridge, had never handled the controls of an aircraft before.

"I had full control of the airplane after I got it back in the air," Peterson said. "I began to experiment with the plane and its controls. Then I contacted our mobile unit which acted as a go-between with us and Louis Domenico."

Domenico, owner of a Cheyenne air service, then "talked in" Peterson to a safe landing.

Seniors listed were Linda Pennington, Terry Ann Foster, and Dell Rensinger.

Juniors, Alice Green, Jean Beachler, Scott LaFranchi, and Janice Foster.

Sophomores, Dan Thompson, Theresa Murphy, Robert Barricks, and David Brattain.

Elaune Morris was the only freshman student on the honor roll.

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FAMED SCIENTIST DIES — Dr. Jean Felix Piccard, famed scientist and balloonist, died Monday at his Minneapolis, Minn., home on his 79th birthday. He had a heart ailment for several years. Piccard is shown here looking into one of the gondolas of his design for balloon flights. He and his wife made the first stratospheric ascent in a balloon in 1934.

243,000 Vets Live In State

There are 243,000 living veterans in Oregon and 22,225,000 in the nation as the year 1963 begins, R. J. Novotny, manager of the Portland Veterans Administration Regional Office, reported.

This compares with 22,735,000, the all-time high in national veterans population, in March 1962. It will be approximately the year 2000 before the total drops to 4,429,000, the population level figure on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor Day.

Looking ahead and barring future wars, Novotny said that VA estimates show that the veterans' population total will dip below the 20 million mark in 1972 or 1973.

By 1980, it is expected that there will be about 17,841,000 veterans still alive and by 1990 the number will be down to 12,639,000. In 2000 there will be 8,657,000 veterans alive. They are expected to consist of about 5,220,000 World War I veterans, 3,435,000 Korean Conflict veterans and 2,000 World War II veterans.

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